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One Cent

CARS MEET IN HEAD ON COLLISION NEAR ELDORA

A small wreck occurred on the Pittsburgh Railways line near Eldora this morning, which ended in the smashing up of the front of two cars, but which did not end in the injuring of anyone seriously.

The passengers were shaken up considerably and thrown from their seats but beyond a few scratches and bruises none suffered much.

The cause of the wreck is supposed to be one of the motormen running past a light. The cars in the collision were the one that left here at 8:45 and the one that left Monongahela at about the same time. The collision occurred at what is known as the "deep cut" on the hill south of Eldora.

SOCIETY TO ELECT OFFICERS WEDNESDAY

Wednesday evening will be an interesting one in temperance circles, when St. Jerome's C. T. A. society will elect officers for this year. A spirited contest is expected.

It is hoped that the members will turn out in large numbers.

Some of the Pittsburgh officers of the union may be present. After the business session, a fine program will be rendered, including the Imperial quartette.

Refreshments will be served. Each member is privileged to invite a friend.

SENTENCED TO SPEND 60 DAYS IN JAIL

Victor Julien, a foreigner was this morning sentenced to jail for sixty days by Justice of the Peace Wilson on a charge of vagrancy and drunkenness. It is stated that the man had been begging and spent all the money he got in this way for drink.

On your way to or from home, drop in at Hotel Charleroi and call for I. W. HARPER whiskey. Famous for its exquisite flavor. 125-12-w-17

Albert King of Tarentum who for some time has been employed here in the Pittsburgh Plate Glass works left this morning for his home.

MAP OF MARIANNA MINES

A comprehensive map of the workings of the ill-fated Marianna mine will accompany the official report of the committee appointed to conduct a thorough investigation into the probable cause of the disaster, its effect and other matters that might come within the province of such an investigation. This committee was composed of George Whyel, L. W. Forg and George Gay, three Uniontown experts, and their report is said to be one of the most thorough that has ever been made.

The plot submitted was reduced from a 100-foot map of the workings which had been made by competent engineers. Upon it are noted the various findings of the committee, as set forth in their report. The committee, at the time of its investigation, found that while the mine was all equipped, evidences existed of gross negligence on the part of the miners. A few of these instances are noted on the map. At one point a shot hole was found which had been tampered with coal dust. In the same workings was found a paper cartridge

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DONORA MAN SHOTS CANINES, THEN TURNS PISTOL ON SELF AND FIRES

After firing two shots at some dogs that were annoying him by barking in the back yard, Tozy Podolok of Donora walked into his own home and fired a bullet into his heart. He expired instantly. No reason can be assigned for the man's act. Coroner Heffran has investigated and decided the case must have been one of deliberate suicide.

The outside took place Saturday night about 9 o'clock. Podolok had been talking with his wife and seizing his revolver went down stairs to put

COLLECTIONS ARE NOT AS HIGH AS THEY SHOULD BE

The subscriptions to the fund being raised in Charleroi for the sufferers from the Italian earthquake are not coming in very fast. At the banks thus far there has not been anything entered, and but two additional names, both Italians have been given to Frank Riva. The report today is as follows:

Balance carried over.....	\$85.75
Domenico Milleragno.....	50
Giuseppe Salices.....	2.00
Total.....	\$87.75

VANDERGOULD WILL ESCAPE FROM CASKET

An act that has never been seen in Charleroi before will be put on the stage at the Turner Hall on Friday and Saturday evenings of this week when Vandergould the local boy will make his escape from an airtight casket. This casket is being shown in the window of Hennings' Pharmacy, and is furnished by L. O. Wycoff the undertaker. Besides this high class act Vandergould will have a mind reading act and have his other repulsive assortment of escape tricks, from the handcuffs, and so forth.

"Billy" Heaton, who will appear with Vandergould has a novelty performance that cannot fail to produce a good impression. His specialty will be the balancing of an entire bedroom suite which is being shown this week in the window of Pfeighardt the furniture man of Fallowfield.

Besides these two local performers there will be two artists from Pittsburgh, Johnny Clark and Marie Wilson. Clark has a singing and dancing act and Miss Wilson is a singing soubrette.

STATION NAMES WILL BE CHANGED ON THIS DIVISION

Two stations on the Pennsylvania Railroad will be changed February 1. These are Lucyville and Ormsby. The former will be changed to "Roscoe," and the latter to the "Thirtieth Street Station." The names are being changed at Lucyville on account of the prevailing sentiment of the people and for the reason that the post office is known as Roscoe. The name of Ormsby is changed for various reasons. Another place where the people wish to have the name changed is that of Duquesne, which is known on the railroad as Oliver. This station is so called on account of a freight station in Pittsburgh which is known by the name of Duquesne. It is doubtful if the railroad company will take any action whatever on this.

Kodol for Dyspepsia and Indigestion will digest any and all food at any and all times. Kodol is guaranteed to give prompt relief. Sold by Piper Bros.

Goon for cuts, burns, bruises and scratches, but especially recommended for piles—DeWitt's Carbonized Witch Hazel Salve. Sold by Piper Bros.

EVANGELISTIC SERVICES AT THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The series of meetings to be held at the First Christian church opened yesterday morning. Rev. H. C. Boblitt, the pastor in the absence of an evangelist is conducting the meetings. There were seven confessions of faith last night, one received by statement, and three received into fellowship of the church. It is thought that this series of evangelistic



vic services will be among the most successful ever held by this church. A feature at all services will be the singing of the Century choros. They made their appearance yesterday and were well received. The chorus is under the direction of Mr. Clarence Hunter, who is a capable director. The subjects of Rev. Boblitt's talk yesterday morning was "What Can I do For Jesus," and last evening "Jesus Only." The topic for this evening will be "The Value of the Soul."

Frye.

(Communicated.) Tuesday morning at 3 a. m. after a short illness Mrs. Ruth A. Frye of Gallatin, Tenn., passed through the valley of death to the great beyond. This beloved wife and mother had a stroke of paralysis which caused her death. A vacant chair is left in the family circle. A broken hearted husband and eight children are left to fight with this world without the tender and loving advice of a mother and wife. The deceased was well known in Washington county. She was born Nov. 28, 1858 in Washington county, Pa., she was formerly Ruth A. Robinson the daughter of Frye and Charlotte Robinson. She joined the Ebenezer M. E. church during a revival held by Rev. Edwards and some years later she and her family went into the Christian church of Gallatin, Tenn., where she was a good and faithful Christian until her death, which came Tuesday morning Jan. 5, 1909. She leaves a husband, Jackson G. Frye, and children viz, Osborn, John, Luzerne, Ruth, Charlotte, Frank Frye and Nettie also her mother, Mrs. Charlotte Robinson of near Charleroi, three sisters and two brothers, Sarah Rider and Hiram Robinson of Dover, Pa. Funeral services will be conducted from her home by Rev. J. C. Barkins. Interment in the Gallatin cemetery, Gallatin, Tenn.

EXPLOSION IN MINE TO WHICH M'VICKER WENT

At the mine where John McVicker, of Monongahela was recently appointed superintendent at Seigler, Ill., yesterday occurred an explosion, which ended in the death of 27 men. M. McVicker was uninjured, a telegram being received by his mother in Monongahela yesterday to this effect. The mine where the explosion took place is the one owned by Joseph Leiter.

This is the second explosion that has visited the Leiter mine within a short time, the previous one carrying with it many fatalities. Following the last disaster Mr. Leiter sent out a call to experienced miners in Pennsylvania, and other places for a relief corps. McVicker was among the ones that responded, and the mine owner made him a flattering offer with the result that McVicker who was at that time employed at the Marianna mines resigned and went to Illinois to become superintendent of the Leiter mine.

NARROWLY ESCAPES TERRIBLE DEATH

Zollarsville, Jan. 11.—Treacherous ice on Herberts Lake, West Zollarsville, almost caused the death by drowning of Carl McCune, aged 17 years, who was skating near the upper end of the lake Saturday afternoon. After a hard struggle the drowning lad was rescued by Arlie Shrontz and the effort almost cost young Shrontz his life also.

Several skaters on the lake saw McCune crash through the ice. As McCune was about to go down for the second time Shrontz reached the spot. After great effort and with his own life in great peril Shrontz managed to drag McCune from the place, but only after he was also pulled into the freezing water.

TELEPHONES INSTALLED IN CHARLEROI RECENTLY

The following is a list of the telephones that have been installed recently in Charleroi by the Charleroi Telephone company. H. F. Parsons, Mrs. A. L. Bowers, Eldora Land Co., M. M. McDermott, James Sheppard, John Sampson, A. J. Nutt, Chacko and Andor, I. J. Duval, F. Freiman, John Hudspeth, I. O. Wycoff, Polar Ice Co., E. C. Harris, Cavalry cemetery, T. R. Eagye

MILK INSPECTORS IN COUNTY

State milk inspectors will invade Washington county this week. They will make a tour of inspection to ascertain sanitary conditions on farms. It was reported about Washington yesterday that the assertion had been made that much disease in this vicinity is being attributed to the unsanitary conditions of local dairies. Whether this declaration is official or unofficial, it is not known, but anyhow the milk inspectors expect to visit this county this week.

During their sojourn they will pay a visit to every farm house in Washington county, where there are cows. They will request the farmer to demonstrate to them the method he utilizes in preparing the milk for shipment and the precautions he maintains to promote cleanliness about his farm yards barns and dairies.

It is further promised that those whose farms are found in an unsanitary condition will suffer prosecution at the hands of the inspectors. The latter will make a detailed report of each farm and its environments, and the methods utilized at each individual farm in preparing the milk for sale.

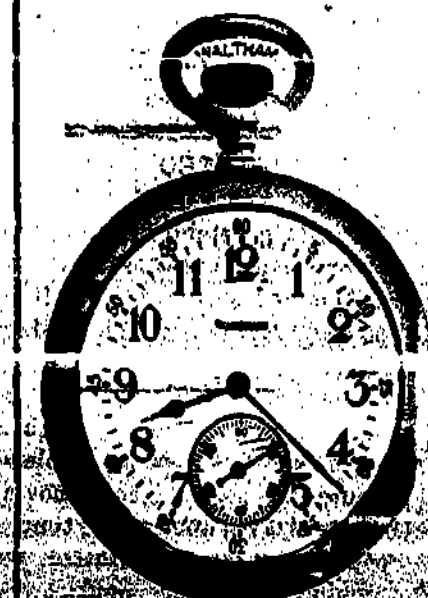
Several months ago the State Pure Food association held a big meeting in the Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce under the auspices of the Civic club of Pittsburgh. To this meeting every Washington county farmer was invited to attend.

New Year Opportunities

We prepared for Christmas buying very liberally. Our sales were very large, but we find ourselves with a large stock of Ladies' Watches and Silver Mounted Toilet Articles. These watches are good works in handsome

any woman's dressing table. But we have put very inviting prices on them all—prices that should invite your immediate attention and will secure your approval the moment you look at the articles and note the new prices.

To have the whole matter cleared up



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faith, and not necessarily for publication,
must invariably bear the author's signature.

TELEPHONES
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READING NOTICES—Such as
business locals, notices of meetings,
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each additional insertion.

Local Agencies

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Clyde Collins..... Speers
M. Doney..... Dunlevy
J. A. Mason..... Lock No. 4, Pa.

Jan. 11 in History.

1787—General Alexander Hamilton,
American soldier and statesman,
secretary of the treasury under
Washington, born in New York.
Indies: Killed by Aaron Burr in a
duel near New York July 12, 1804.
1825—Bayard Taylor, American author
and traveler, born; died 1878.
1844—Francis Scott Key, author of
"The Star Spangled Banner," died;
born 1780.
1907—A tidal wave devastated the
Dutch East Indies, engulfing the
island of Simulu.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

Sun sets 4:40, rises 7:10; moon rises
9:49 p. m.; sun's declination 21.7 de-
grees south of celestial equator.

Attend the Mass Meeting.

It will be worth while for all the
citizens of Charleroi if possible to
attend the mass meeting to be held in
the Merchants Association rooms on
Tuesday evening. The matter of a
new station for this place is an impor-
tant one and should be given the best
attention of the people who feel that
an effort should be made to secure the
expanding. The Pennsylvania Railroad
company are not in the habit of pay-
ing much attention to petitions or de-
mands of the people, choosing their
own time for needed improvements.
We have had an example of that here
in Charleroi. The head officials have
been petitioned many times for a new
station here, but heretofore have paid
practically no attention to these de-
mands. True, plans for improvements
have been prepared by them, but this
is the extent of their efforts for a new
station. If there is anything to which
they will pay attention it will be a
petition drawn up and signed by a
large number of representatives citi-
zens of this place.

The plan as originally drawn up by
the Pennsylvania Railroad company
was for both a new freight and pas-
senger station. The latter was to
be built near the location of the pres-
ent building, but would occupy a larger
space. On the McKean avenue side
there would be a plot of grass. Every-
thing would be arranged in the
most convenient and up-to-date style
and the station would be among the
best along the Monongahela valley.
For the freight station there would
be a larger building than the present
one, and fronting it on McKean
avenue would be a brick driveway
extending all along its length. The
rails at this point might possibly be
changed slightly. Of course both the
freight and passenger depot would
be built of brick or stone. They
would have to be of some fire proof
material, and this alone would give to
them a commanding appearance. The
people of Charleroi can well afford to
be envious of Donora in this matter
if in no other, for the latter town has
up-to-date accommodations, the build-
ing being erected soon after the town
was laid out. If Donora should have
such new stations and be afforded
good accommodations why should not

Charleroi, which is larger, and evi-
dently must furnish a larger traffic.

Knockers and Kickers

Some of the brilliant attorney's at
the county seat have been kicking be-
cause the newspapers have been print-
ing in the past real news. They
seem to think that a live publication
can strive along without the aid of
news, keep readers and stay in busi-
ness. This shows the attorney's in
question in their true light. It is
rather a narrow view to say the least
for a man to try to have newspapers
withhold news matter until it is too
"stale" for publication, and a man
who is broad-minded enough to look
at all sides will not ask such a thing.
If there is a matter that it is desired
to be withheld and a good reason is
given nearly every publication will
hold it for a time, but not until it be-
comes old and its value as news
matter is gone.

Electric Sparks

Two-thirds of the letters written
represent about an hour's wasted
time.

"I don't care how much a man sez
if he only sez it in a few words,"
Jos Billings. That's the best guide;
an advertiser can have.

Responsibility walks hand in hand
with capacity and power.

We are told that we have ascended
from the ape; but some of us are
using round-trip tickets.

In these modern days two friends
cannot enjoy a good, long talk with-
out being suspected of "conferring."

Fried strawberries constitute the
latest fad in the culinary line. At
the present price of the fruit it is not
likely to become a popular dish among
the masses during this season at
least.

The Johnson boom for the Demo-
cratic nomination for President is
getting busy already. Governor
Johnson got wise to the same last
fall.

The farmers have some demands to
make upon the Legislature, and with
the backing they will have the de-
mands will perhaps for the most part
be honored.

A woman's interest in a divorced
man never lets up until she discovers
why he was divorced.

Possibly the hold-up man takes the
highways in order to raise sufficient
coin to enable his wife to take to the
subways.

Probably nothing pleases a woman
more than her ability to look younger
than some other woman who is the
same age.

While the American battleship fleet
has won no warlike victories in its
circumnavigation of the globe, it
seems destined to win the affections
of the Italian people by rendering
material assistance to the stricken
earthquake sufferers. "Peace" hath
her victories no less renowned than
war.

The Pennsylvania Legislature will
take a breathing spell before getting
down to business.

There is a painful rumor abroad
that when President Roosevelt returns
from Africa the country will be
flooded with Teddy rhinoceri.

It's great to be rich. If you gave
a nickel to a waiter, would the whole
country be talking about it?

Says the Sheep Hill Philosopher:
If any uv th' brothers neglected to do
so January 1, it ain't too late yet to
resolve to be halfway decent this year.

What has become of the sober-faced
boy with ear tabs and pulse warmers?

We may be alone in the opinion,
but we hold that a pipe organ and
fruit cake are two things that are
largely overestimated.

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soothing for throat irritation, thereby
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THE HUMAN TONGUE

It is Very Inquisitive With a Strong
Will of Its Own.

The curiosity of the tongue does not
compare with the curiosity of the eye, but the
tongue, within its limits, is the most
curious of all.

Let the dentist make a change in the
mouth, let him remove a tooth or re-
place with his admirable artifice one
that has long been absent, let him
change the form of a tooth by round-
ing off a corner or building up a cavity,
and see what the tongue will do. It
will search out that place, taking care-
ful and minute account of the change.
Then it will linger near the place. If
it is called to other duties, it comes
back as soon as they are discharged
and feels the changed place all over
again, as if it had not explored and
rummaged there already.

It makes no difference that these re-
peated investigations presently cause
annoyance to its supposed master, the
man. The tongue in nothing more
than in this matter proves that it is an
unruly member and will not be con-
trolled.

It seems to have an original will and
consciousness of its own, and nothing
will serve it except the fullest satisfac-
tion of its curiosity. It will wear itself
out, perhaps, but it will find out all
about the strange change.—Boston
Transcript.

CANES IN SPAIN.

Some of the Natives Have a Small
Arsenal of Them.

Every Spaniard has a stick, the well
to do own several, and the "gilded
youth" often has a small arsenal of
them. The term arsenal in this case
is used positively and not figuratively,
as the Porto Ricans, like the Spaniards,
have quite a craze for sword canes and
dagger canes, and they make these
with remarkable skill.

The blades of the finer specimens
come from famous smiths in Toledo
and other Spanish cities and are forged
from the finest steel. Some are dam-
ascened and others are inlaid with sil-
ver and gold, some have worked upon
them the name of the owner and others
the name of a patron saint. The
assortment of walking sticks in the
shops in the larger towns is very
varied.

They have fashions in sticks and
canes suited to different ages and pro-
fessions. There are sedate mahogany,
ebony and rosewood sticks for clergy-
men and physicians and fanciful bam-
boos with gleaming steel inside for
men about town. There are rough oak-
en sticks for the Spanish Anglomani-
acs and saucy little staves for those
who ape the styles of the boulevard.
For travelers there are coffee sticks,
thorns, tea sticks, leopard wood canes
and orange sticks.—London Chronicle.

Funerals in Peru.

According to social usage, women in
Peru cannot attend funerals, and they
do not appear at weddings unless they
are very intimate friends. When a
funeral procession passes through the
streets the coffin is carried upon the
shoulders of the pallbearers, who are
followed by an empty hearse drawn
by two, four or six horses, according
to the means of the mourners and their
desire for display. All the male mem-
bers of the family and friends of the
deceased follow on foot, with a line of
empty carriages behind them. As long
as they are in the presence of the dead
it is considered a proper and necessary
evidence of respect to walk. After the
body has been committed to the grave
those who attend the funeral are
brought home in carriages.

He Followed the Water.

"Could you do something for a poor
old sailor?" asked a wanderer at the
rear door of a suburban house one
morning recently.
"Poor old sailor?" echoed the house-
wife, who had opened the door.
"Yes," I followed the water for
twenty years."
"Well," said the lady as she slammed
the door in the face of her unwelcome
visitor, "all I've got to say is you cer-
tainly don't look as though you had
ever caught it."—London Answers.

"Alexandria, Egypt."

All correspondents with Egypt in all
parts of the world should be warned
that it is necessary to put the word
"Egypt" on all communications ad-
dressed to Alexandria, as a great deal
of trouble and annoyance has been
caused owing to communications ad-
dressed to the Egyptian city being de-
livered to Scotland, Canada, New South
Wales, Cape Colony, Italy, the United
States of America and other countries
where towns of the same name exist.—
Egyptian Gazette, Alexandria.

The Berliner.

On the theory that might goes before
right the Berliner fights his way past
old ladies and tired women into crowd-
ed tram cars and ruthlessly jostles
from his path the passerby in the
streets with an obstinate insolence
that goads the visitor accustomed to
the higher civilization of other capitals
to impatient fury.—Berlin Cor. London
Outlook.

A Good Carriage.

Never neglect to go through some
daily exercises which will keep the
muscles in order, the head erect, the
shoulders well thrown back. Carriage
stands you in good stead even in old
age.

Not Particular as to Weapons.

The waiter girl knew a thing or two
about table etiquette, so she smiled
confidently as she said, "It's not our
custom to serve a knife with plate."
"No?" remarked the patron in sur-
prise. "Then bring me an ax."

Edwards.

Thomas Edwards, age 57 years, of
McKean avenue died on Sunday morn-
ing at 9:15 after an extended illness of
paralysis. The deceased is survived
by 3 brothers and two sisters. Mrs.
George Newton, of McKean avenue
with whom Mr. Edwards made his
home is one of the latter. The
other sister is Mrs. Eliza Parry of
Eirama. The brothers are Joseph
and John of California, and William
of Courtney.

The funeral will be held Tuesday
morning at 9 o'clock at the home
conducted by Rev. H. C. Rohlfert of
the Christian church. Interment will
be in the Stone church cemetery at
Snowden near Finleyville.

Miss Mollie Craven has left for
Beallsville where she will spend a
week or ten days with relatives and
friends.

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posit, or even less. Come in
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GUY NEFF

NOTICE.

Charleroi Savings & Trust Co.
Charleroi, Pa., January 1, 1908.
NOTICE—The annual meeting of the
stockholders of the Charleroi Savings &
Trust company will be held at the office of
the company, corner Fallowfield avenue
and Fifth street, Charleroi, between the
hours of 10 A. M. and 12 M., on Tuesday, Jan-
uary 13, 1908, for the election of seven di-
rectors to serve for the ensuing year and for
the transaction of any other business that
may properly come before the meeting.
J. E. TERNER
Secretary and Treasurer.

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COINS OF THE CONFEDERACY

Three of this rare quartet have disappeared, and only one is now known to exist—Confederate Cents Were Also Planned, but Not Coined.

That the Confederate government contemplated the issue of a metallic currency is certain, though coins distinctly associated with the Confederacy never appeared in general circulation. Designs for a half dollar and a cent were made, dies cut and a few coins of each denomination struck in various metals. These coins now rank high with American collectors.

It was some time after the war—seventeen or eighteen years—that the first evidence of the existence of a Confederate half dollar came to light. In January, 1879, B. F. Taylor, M. D., secretary of the National Numismatic and Antiquarian Society, wrote to E. Mason, Jr., a well known Philadelphia numismatist, and informed him that he had a Confederate coin in his possession. A good deal of doubt was at first felt about the coin's genuineness, but investigation revealed the fact that at least four silver fifty-cent pieces were struck by the Confederate authorities at the New Orleans mint in 1861.

It seems that when the Confederates seized the United States mint at New Orleans they conceived the idea of an issue of Confederate coins. It is fairly certain, however, that after the mint fell into their hands all available bullion was used for regular United States half dollars.

The former officers of the mint were retained when the state of Louisiana turned the establishment over to the Confederate states, and in April, 1861, Secretary Memminger of the Confederate treasury ordered that designs for a half dollar should be submitted to him. Several designs were offered for his approval. It is said, although the accepted one is the only design on record.

This bore an obverse identical with the regular United States half dollar of 1861, the well known seated figure of the Goddess of Liberty surrounded by thirteen stars, with the date 1861. The reverse design, on the contrary, was of an entirely original character.

In the center of the field was a shield which bore seven stars, one for each seceding state. Above the shield was a Liberty cap, while surrounding the central design was a wreath composed of cotton and corn.

Around the border at the top was the inscription, "Confederate States of America," and underneath was the denomination, "Half dol."

These dies were cut by an engraver named A. H. Peterson, and the coins were struck by Colonel Schmidt, foreman of the coining room. When the dies came to the collier they were found to be unsuitable for the regular press, so four pieces were struck on the old fashioned screw press.

Dr. Taylor was the chief coinier at the mint in 1861, and in his letters to Mr. Mason he stated that one of the four pieces was sent to the Confederate government, the second to Professor Riple of the University of Louisiana, the third to Dr. E. A. Mearns of New Orleans, while the fourth was kept by himself.

The four pieces were all that were coined from the dies, for owing to the scarcity of silver bullion the mint was shut down on April 30, 1861. Only one of these original pieces can now be located, and this when last offered for sale brought \$870.

Some time in the seventies the reverse die fell into the possession of a firm of coin dealers in New York, who are credited with having struck at least 500 regular United States half dollars of 1861 from the Confederate reverse die after having removed the original United States reverse.

The struck coins were similar to those struck by the Confederate government, only the closest scrutiny developing the difference, and this fact has had a tendency to lessen the interest in the genuine and original Confederate half dollar. But even the struck Confederate half dollars command a premium of from \$5 to \$6 when well preserved.

That the Confederate government had planned the issue of a cent piece came to light accidentally. Some time between 1865 and 1870 a nickel coin was submitted to a coin dealer in Philadelphia for examination.

It was of about the same size as a United States cent and showed a youthful head of Liberty on the obverse, wearing a Liberty cap, around the border being inscribed "Confederate States of America." Below was the date "1861." On the reverse were the words "One Cent" in the center of a wreath emblematic of the products of the southern states and composed of small ears of corn and wheat and tiny hogheads, with a miniature cotton bale in the middle of the wreath.

In tracing the origin of the piece, the fact was developed that the dies were cut by a Philadelphia engraver of the name of Lovett, who upon being approached in 1873 concerning the matter admitted, with considerable reluctance, a commission from the Confederate authorities.

He said that the whole work had been conducted with secrecy owing to the probable unpleasant consequences to himself should the matter come to the attention of the Federal authorities. He had several private plans in mind, but the dies, five of which had been

SIRENS AND SONS.

Secretary Hunt is the only cabinet member who wears a silk hat down to work every day.

from Florida, has a heavy black mustache and long black hair. He looks like a Spaniard, which he isn't.

Zenas Crane, who gave \$10,000 to help along Peary's arctic expedition, is one of the Dalton (Mass.) papermakers and a brother of United States Senator Crane.

James M. King, aged eighty-two, is one of the oldest residents of Worcester, Mass., and has lived in the same house on Cambridge street for more than seventy years.

Young Willie K. Vanderbilt 3d has to many toys, it is said, that he has to have them insured for \$5,000. Many of his toys have been especially made for him. They are richly engraved and finished in gold and silver and insured against all ills save death.

Dr. Thomas Lambert Hinton has just celebrated his hundredth birthday at St. Leonards, England. With the exception of Sir Henry Pittman, Mr. Hinton is the oldest member of the Royal College of Surgeons. He served in India from 1823 to 1846.

Lee leaves only two surviving lieutenant generals of the Confederate army. They are General A. P. Stewart, ranking lieutenant general of the Confederacy, of Bristol, Miss., and General Simon Bolivar Buckner of Kentucky.

Prince Augustine de Iturbide, grandson of the great liberator of Mexico, heir to a throne, man of the world, educated, widely traveled and a member of the jeunesse doree of many European capitals, has forsaken the ways of the fashionable world and joined the third order of St. Francis. In Washington fashionable society Prince Iturbide was widely known for many years.

Church and Clergy.

A recent increase has brought the salary of Rev. Dr. James Henderson of the Dominion Methodist church at Ottawa up to \$2,500, making him the highest paid Methodist preacher in Canada.

Bethesda Congregational church in Chicago, founded by Dwight L. Moody when he bought up a defunct church, paying \$10,000 cash and giving a mortgage for \$12,000, has just canceled the mortgage.

Rev. C. W. Merriam of the Second Congregational church, Greenfield, Mass., is one who thoroughly enjoys his automobile. He has made it a practice of taking members of his congregation out for a ride and has already taken more than a hundred on short tours.

An unusual record is that of the Rev. Felix N. Boft of the Roman Catholic diocese of Cleveland. Recently, upon the death of Bishop Horstmann, Father Boft became for the sixth time administrator of the diocese. He is seventy-seven years old. Each time that he has taken on his shoulders the affairs of the ecclesiastical jurisdiction it has been because of the death of the bishop.

Pen, Chisel and Brush.

Raphael considered that a meat diet was not good for a painter and therefore lived principally on dried fruits, such as figs and raisins, with bread.

Martin Hill, whose stories of the stage are appearing in the magazines, is a daughter of Barron Hill, who in his time was leading man for Edwin Booth and other great actors.

A Polish author named Strabinsky has written to protest against the Russian censor who altered a sentence in his novel which read "He was the slave of his passions" to "He was the negro of his passions."

Paul Bartlett of New York has been given the contract for the modeling of statuary to complete the decoration of the pediment of the house wing of the capitol in Washington at a fixed cost of \$75,000. Of this sum probably \$70,000 will be paid to Mr. Bartlett.

The Royal Box.

King Alfonso has pardoned three of the men implicated in the attack on himself and Queen Victoria two years ago.

The Korean crown prince, accompanied by Prince Ito, will, it is reported, shortly leave Japan to tour the United States.

Queen Maud of Norway has innumerable hobbies and recreations. She devotes many hours to sewing, wood-carving and bookbinding and in regard to the latter work has turned out some really beautiful specimens of the craft.

It is said that Sandringham House is to be bestowed on Queen Alexandra as a dowry house. English people feel that the gift would be most appropriate, for Sandringham is associated with the queen's whole English life and with the entire lives of her children and grandchildren.

College and School.

Figures show that schoolteachers as a class are long lived.

Since 1911 the public school attendance in Germany shows an increase of 0.1 per cent.

Professor Oswald Redlich of Vienna university has accepted an invitation to lecture at Harvard in the spring of 1909.

There are indications that conductors will be introduced to the common schools of Berlin in the lowest classes and up to the point where the girls begin to get instruction in domestic science.

CHURCH TOWERS.

They Are a Distinctive Feature of the Mexican View.

There is no country better worth visiting than Mexico. It is very striking in crossing the border from the United States to note how completely everything changes. Here there hardly seems anything man has constructed which harmonizes with its surroundings; there everything seems to be entirely a part of the country.

It is more foreign than Europe is now and constantly reminds one of the east. Riding in some of the little traveled districts, I could hardly believe that I was not in India. The dust in the road, the thorn scrub on both sides, with that pungent smell of the blossoms, all reminded me of the country about Ahmedabad. The plateau in winter, the dry season, is very much like the desert—long stretches of country, with purple mountains in the distance, without a tree in sight except where there is a town or where irrigation has kept a little green and a few trees have been planted. Often the horizon is so distant that the mountains melt into the sky, and perhaps one catches a glimpse of the snow on one of the volcanoes. The color is that of its own Mexican opal—greens, blues and reds.

Everywhere the distinctive features are the church towers and tiled domes rising above the towns. The exteriors of these churches are always picturesque and interesting, but the interiors are usually disappointing, for they have suffered much during many revolutions and perhaps even more from senseless renovations. There are a few still untouched, where one can see them as nearly all were once, entirely covered with richly carved wood heavily gilded. Gold was used thickly everywhere till the carving looked like solid metal. I have seen much gold in churches, but none to equal that in Mexico.—Lockwood de Forest in Century.

NO ALTERNATIVE.

The Jury Had to Teach the Pompous Judge a Lesson.

A certain trial judge in a certain state because so unpopular that the only way he could get a verdict for the state was to make his charge in favor of the prisoner. When matters had reached this stage a famous feud fighter was arrested on a charge of murder and brought to trial. The case, which was the judge's first murder trial, attracted much attention, and the judge, whose unpopularity arose from his vanity and pomposity, greatly enjoyed his role as umpire of the law. The case was a clear one against the defendant, and his guilt was so conclusively proved that the judge even presumed to charge accordingly. The jury retired, and when they filed back into court it was noticed that they avoided the prisoner's eye and looked unusually solemn.

"Gentlemen," said the judge, waving the clerk into silence, "have you reached a verdict?"

"We have," said the foreman. The judge opened a paper bag and drew out a black cap. With an important look around the courtroom he placed this on his head and pulled it down until it met his ears.

"Prisoner," he said, "arise and look at the jury. Jury, arise and look at the prisoner. Gentlemen, what is your verdict?"

"Not guilty," said the foreman. "Of course," he said later, when every one had shaken the innocent man's hand, "he was guilty all right, and that was going to be our verdict, but when the little judge put that black cap on his head and pulled it down over his ears like that there was only one thing for us to do, and we did it."—New York Sun.

Graveyard Neighbors.

The agent for a cemetery company was expatiating on the good points of a certain lot. Presently the prospective purchaser interrupted with the enumeration of several prominent families owning property there.

"Is this lot near theirs?" she asked. The agent admitted that it was quite a distance off.

"Then," said the woman, "I don't want it. I'd rather pay more and get in a good neighborhood."

The agent collapsed. "Has it come to the point," he said, "where people consider their next door neighbors even in a graveyard?"—New York Sun.

Business Sense.

In new lines of goods is where the profits lie. The old standbys that every dealer keeps have the prices all cut to pieces on them. Get the new things ahead of the other fellows and make money on them. Frequent change of the arrangement of your show cases gives the effect of new goods received. The same old arrangement month in and month out, no matter how many new goods, looks like the same old stock.—Printers' Ink.

Persuasive.

"Your wife is somewhat strong minded, isn't she, Littlejohn?"

"Strong minded? A furniture peddler came here yesterday and in five minutes she sold him some polish she had made herself."—London Telegraph.

An Easy Way.

One of the easiest and most effective ways of escaping the hardships of prison abuse is found in the simple old process of keeping out of prison.—Chicago Record-Herald.

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ARTFUL MOON HOAXES

Lies That Have Been Told About the Queen of the Night.

FOOLED THE WHOLE WORLD

The Famous Moon Hoax of the New York Sun That Was Published in 1835 and Was Reprinted All Over the Globe—German Yarn That Fell Flat.

One of the most curious facts concerning the "goddess of night" is her intimate connection with liars of various ilk. The joke of its day and generation was the famous "moon hoax" of the New York Sun, perpetrated in 1835. Sir John Herschel had gone to the Cape of Good Hope to take astronomical observations. Inspired by too deep potatoes or by Nicolle's sneers at the moonstruck Arabs or by the baleful rays of the queen of night herself, the idea came to Richard Adams Locke, a Sun reporter, that a mythical account of Sir John's work would make a first class "story" for his paper. The Sun then carried that John Gaylord Clark aided the plot, but this is not probable, and some doubt even Nicolle's influence and hold that the whole scheme lay between Locke and his bottle only.

However that may have been, there appeared in the Sun in September a long article purporting to be a letter from Dr. Andrew Grant to the Edinburgh Journal of Science describing some wonderful discoveries that Herschel had made concerning the nature and inhabitants of the moon. The astronomer, it was said, had been enabled by a remarkable combination of powerful telescopes and microscopes to bring the moon so near that the observer could recognize the character of rocks on her surface, perceive the color of flowers and detect the characteristics of men and animals that he saw. These observations proved, of course, the existence of animal life on the orb, and it is curious that among the types perceived there were several that Darwinism had it been born at that date might have recognized as "missing links." All the types of life on the lunar surface were inferior, proving, as the writer of the article grandiloquently observed, that "man may now fold the zodiac around him with a loftier consciousness of mental supremacy."

The sensation produced by this article was amazing. Of the issues of the Sun containing it edition after edition was called for until 600,000 copies had been sold. The article was also issued in pamphlet form—both in the United States and England—and was disposed of in countless numbers. (In the English edition all reference to Dr. Grant and the Journal of Science was wisely omitted.) A French translation was also promptly made by M. Nicolle, of which over half a million copies were sold on the continent of Europe.

It may be said that a whole world was taken in by this magnificent joke. Except a few scientists who perceived the splendid absurdity of the detailed descriptions and a few skeptics who never believed anything on general principles everybody was hoaxed. There were rather more doubters among educated persons abroad than here, as might have been supposed, though even there the numbers of believers formed a fine tribute to the ingenuity that framed the "story." M. Arago was said to have been completely taken in, whereby the malice that inspired the translation of the tale by his political opponent, Nicolle, was abundantly satisfied. This latter gentleman, in fact, gained a great deal more than he was at all entitled to—in amusement and literary credit as well as hard cash—from Mr. Locke's imaginative effort.

Yet other jokes on the moon—and on the public—have there been in recent times that are quite worth recording. About 1862 a Boston paper published a story purporting to be translated from an article written by a German astronomer. This declared that "a second satellite to this earth planet" was to make its appearance within a few years, when every person gazing at the goddess of night in her resplendent glory would be tempted to quote a line from an old song: "The moon is full, and so am I," for he would "see double." The article gave very elaborate calculations to support its absurdity, a sentence of truth, but all this ingenuity seems to have been thrown away. Whether the Boston paper really originated the tale or actually borrowed it from Germany seems not to have been known, but in any case it fell flat. At that time our civil war situation did not give the people time or inclination to take up hoaxes of any sort.

Again, in 1874 the New York World published a dispatch based on some mythical observations made by a supposed member of a British scientific society, which stated that the frame of the moon was seen to be gradually cracking and threatened ere long to fall into separate fragments. This was a "special cable," sent by a correspondent, and the worst victim of the hoax was the paper receiving it. Again, in 1876 the Chicago Times, itself a joker of no mean repute, was completely taken in. This paper published a cable account of a powerful reflection that had been erected near Paris, which when directed toward the moon had revealed large quantities of that orb, also gauged of men clustered together engaged in various occupations. It was the theory of the observer of these new marvels that the side of the moon turned toward the earth was used as a penal settlement because of its lack of atmosphere.—Chicago Record-Herald.

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